



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Albany, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Albany was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in eastern New York, Albany (population 93,919) became the state capital in 1797. As the seat of state government and home to many educational institutions, Albany has one of the highest rates of tax-exempt property in the state, and a large portion of the city is not available for redevelopment. Since 1950, the city has lost 37 percent of its population. As the city endeavors to reverse its negative trends, the lack of readily available properties for development has become a barrier to economic recovery. Albany is focusing its assessment of petroleum-contaminated sites in eight neighborhoods that have poverty rates of at least 20 percent and unemployment rates at least 125 percent of the state average. These distressed communities also contain a



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Albany for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform up to four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, develop cleanup plans, and conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

disproportionate number of brownfields sites, which have hampered investment and redevelopment. When brownfields are redeveloped, they will be used for housing, retail space, wholesale and service trade facilities, and greenspace. Brownfields redevelopment will create increased job opportunities, provide a wider availability of goods and services to underserved areas, expand the tax base, and reduce the exposure of residents to pollutants.